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Letter dated 22 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the facts proving Armenia's direct responsibility for the occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

As we have previously informed you (see A/70/694-S/2016/63), the Republic of Armenia continues to station its military units in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and to support the separatist regime in the Nagorno-Karabagh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, especially the so-called "Nagorno-Karabakh Defence Army".

The Government of Armenia denies that the servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia have been fighting and dying on the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan. However, some 80 per cent of the servicemen killed during Armenia's recent large-scale military provocation are from Armenia itself. The list of servicemen is attached (see annex). The list is not exhaustive as it is a usual practice of Armenian government officials to conceal the number of servicemen killed in action. Instead, they often deceive by claiming that these servicemen died during exercises at training camps or even in car accidents.

The illegal presence of the Armenian armed forces on the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan has also become undeniable following the stream of coffins returning to Armenia and the repeated protests by the parents of the killed servicemen in front of the presidential palace in Yerevan demanding explanations as to why their sons had been sent to fight another country.

Particularly noteworthy is that President Serzh Sargsyan of the Republic of Armenia pays visits to the occupied Nagorno-Karabagh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan and awards the so-called servicemen of the so-called "Nagorno-Karabakh Defence Army".

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In the light of all the above-mentioned, Armenia's so-called calls for peace and alleged support for the work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group, without withdrawing its armed forces from all the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and eliminating the consequences of the occupation, are nothing but lofty words to conceal its annexationist policy and mislead the international community.

The continued occupation of a big portion of the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia is the main obstacle to the settlement of the conflict and the only source of hostilities and casualties. If Armenia is genuinely interested in the ceasefire and lasting peace, it should withdraw all its occupying forces from the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions and fulfil its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, to which all States Members of the United Nations solemnly reaffirmed their commitment in October 2015.

The Republic of Azerbaijan will continue to exercise its legitimate right of self-defence against Armenia's ongoing aggression with the ultimate objective of restoring its territorial integrity and sovereignty in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 and 40, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yashar **Aliyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 22 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

List of servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia killed in action during the period 1-5 April 2016 in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as at 13 April 2016, 1500 (as confirmed by Armenian officials and reported in media sources of Armenia)*

Conscripts and volunteer fighters from Armenia

1. Arakelyan Aleksan Gevorg — Lieutenant Colonel, from Gumri, born in 1982
2. Torosyan Hayk Vagan — Major, from Yerevan, born in 1985
3. Urfanyan Armenak Mers — Captain, from Yerevan, born in 1990
4. Kirakosyan Ovsep Gegam — Captain, from Apaga village in Armavir province, born in 1988
5. Galstyan Hrach Vardan — Senior Lieutenant, from Gumri, born in 1991
6. Stepanyan Merujan Artur — Senior Lieutenant, from Gumri, born in 1993
7. Yegonyan Benyamin Nerses — Senior Lieutenant, from Yerevan, born in 1992
8. Gasparyan Armen Karlen — Senior Lieutenant, from Kapan, born in 1974
9. Shahbazyan Ashot Karapet — Lieutenant, from Akhuryan village in Shirak province, born in 1993
10. Melkonyan Gagik Suren — Contracted warrant officer (*praporshik*), from Zolakar village in Gegharkunik province, born in 1982
11. Gasparyan Norik Jora — Sergeant, from Kapan, born in 1996
12. Saakyan Adam Khachatur — Sergeant, from Yerevan, born in 1996
13. Andreasyan Arman Seyran — Sergeant, from Artik village in Shirak province, born in 1996
14. Nersesyan Karen Artak — Sergeant, from Charensavan village in Kotayk province, born in 1997
15. Ghahramanyan Henrik Rudolf — Junior Sergeant, from Masis, born in 1996
16. Galstyan Sasha Vachagan — Junior Sergeant, from Metsamor village in Armavir province, born in 1996
17. Iskandaryan Ruben Ashot — Junior Sergeant, from Yerevan, born in 1993
18. Abadjyan Robert Aleksandr — Junior Sergeant, from Yerevan, born in 1996

* Sources: Facebook page of Artsrun Hovhannisyan, spokesperson of the Ministry of Defence of Armenia; http://ru.a1plus.am/1308866.html; http://panduk.ht.livejournal.com/1351653.html; http://news.am/rus/news/321904.html.

19. Abrahamyan Robert Abraham — Contracted Sergeant, from Taperakan village in Ararat province, born in 1993

20. Sargsyan Vrej Vardan — Contracted soldier, from Pokr Masrik village in Gegharkunik province, born in 1989

21. Abrahamyan Arutyun Hovannes — Contracted soldier, from Areguni village in Gegharkunik province, born in 1985

22. Davtyan Karen Parkev — Contracted soldier, from Vanadzor, born in 1981

23. Muradyan Hrach Samvel — Contracted soldier, from Yerevan, born in 1983

24. Sloyan Karam Kalash — Soldier, from Artashavan village in Aragatsotn province, born in 1996

25. Vardanyan Gevorg Gagik — Soldier, from Gumri, born in 1996

26. Akopyan Rafik Khlgat — Soldier, from Karmrashen village in Aragatsotn province, born in 1996

27. Asatryan Aghasi Sarmen — Soldier, from Masis, born in 1996

28. Yuzixovich Viktor Aleksandr — Soldier, from Gumri, born in 1997

29. Mkrtchyan Narek Vardan — Soldier, from Vorotan village in Syunik province, born in 1996

30. Saakyan Sarkis Armenak — Soldier, from Hrazdan, born in 1995

31. Hayrapetyan David Razmik — Soldier, from Zolakar village in Gegharkunik province, born in 1997

32. Kirakosyan Gor Karapet — Soldier, from Arevik village in Armavir province, born in 1996

33. Zakaryan Vahe Samvel — Soldier, from Hrazdan, born in 1995

34. Mikaelyan Aramais Grigor — Soldier, from Voskeat village in Armavir province, born in 1996

35. Abrahamyan Aram Araik — Soldier, from Artimet village in Armavir province, born in 1996

36. Abgaryan Tigran Aram — Soldier, from Gumri, born in 1996

37. Alikhanyan Vladimir Varujan — Soldier, from Dilijan, born in 1996

38. Mkrtchyan Sasun Fakhrad — Soldier, from Yerevan, born in 1989

39. Mgdesyan Gevorg Ashot — Soldier, from Kotayk province, born in 1996

40. Aramyan Suren Artur — Soldier, from Artashat, born in 1997

41. Avetisyan Grigor Germion — Soldier, from Artashat, born in 1997

42. Zohrabyan Andranik Atom — Soldier, from Ararat province, born in 1996

43. Petrosyan Artak Hayhavard — Soldier, from Metsavan village in Lori province, born in 1997

44. Aghajanyan Misha Kamo — Soldier, from Vardablur village in Aragatsotn province, born in 1996

45. Ozmanyan Boris Rafik — Soldier, from Aknalich village in Armavir province, born in 1996

46. Sargsyan Norik Zaven — Soldier, from Eranos village in Gegharkunik province, 1996

47. Yesayan Jora Artur — Soldier, from Darbnik village in Ararat province, born in 1996

48. Simonyan Azat Kajik — Soldier, from Kamaris village in Kotayk province, born in 1996

49. Gevorkyan Artur Garnik — Soldier, from Abovyan, born in 1997

50. Aleksanyan Bagrat Artur — Soldier, from Yerevan, born in 1995

51. Berakchyan Tigran Eduard — Soldier, from Yerevan, born in 1997

52. Harutunyan Grigor Gevorg — Soldier, from Yerevan, born in 1997

53. Yerznkyan Mher — Soldier, Armenia

54. Khajiyan Norayr — Soldier, Armenia

55. Khalafyan Sarkis Lazar — Volunteer fighter, from Yerevan, born in 1967

56. Hovsepyan Nikolay Sarkis — Volunteer fighter, from Echmiadzin, born in 1953

57. Mirzoyan Mais Yerdjan — Volunteer fighter, from Syunik province

58. Aleksanyan Eduard Yurik — Volunteer fighter, from Darbas village in Syunik province

59. Beglaryan Armen Minas — Volunteer fighter, from Syunik province

60. Dangyan Sergey Gurgen — Volunteer fighter, from Sisian

61. Asryan Sedrak Sergey — Volunteer fighter, from Darbas village in Syunik province

62. Nikalyan Yegish Artavaz — Volunteer fighter, from Ltsen village in Syunik province

63. Sargsyan David Bagrat — Volunteer fighter, from Balak village in Syunik province

64. Parsadanyan Gagik Kolya — Volunteer fighter, from Kapan in Syunik province, born in 1960

65. Chartanyan Suren Misak — Volunteer fighter, from Yerevan, born in 1955

Armenian military servicemen born in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

66. Pogosyan Roman Vladimir — Lieutenant Colonel, from Khojavend, born in 1979

67. Grigoryan Onik Karo — Lieutenant Colonel, from Askeran, born in 1978

68. Melkumyan Suren Grisha — Major, from Khojavend, born in 1979

69. Movsesyan Rudik Bakhshir — Major, from Khankandi, born in 1976

70. Mailyan Ovsep Rafael — Major, from Khojavand, born in 1978

71. Grigoryan Maksim Vagif — Senior Lieutenant, from Khojavand, born in 1986
72. Grigoryan Hayk Rodik — Lieutenant, from Khojavand, born in 1993
73. Gasparyan David Yuriy — Senior Corporal, from Khankandi, born in 1979
74. Margaryan Nodarik Artash — Corporal, from Madagiz village in Tartar, born in 1963
75. Simonyan Nver Saro — Senior sergeant, from Khojavand, born in 1990
76. Saakyan Garib Ayaser — Senior sergeant, from Khojavand, born in 1987
77. Faramazyan Yuriy Anatoly — Sergeant, from Khojavand, born in 1996
78. Narinyan Vladik Stepan — Junior sergeant, from Khojavand, born in 1996
79. Garibyan Hrant Samvel — Soldier, from Khankandi, born in 1947
80. Balayan Aznavur Rafik — Soldier, from Khojavand, born in 1987
81. Tadevosyan Vardan Surik — Soldier, from Khojavand, born in 1990
82. Mkrtchyan Gegam Rashid — Soldier, from Vank village in Tartar, born in 1986
83. Grigoryan Andranik Marat — Soldier, from Khojavand, born in 1986